

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, lines 10-17, amend the paragraph thereat as follows:

Ionic liquids free of molecular solvents were first disclosed by Hurley and Wier in a series of US patents ~~(24446331, 2446339, 2446350)~~ (2,446,331; 2,446,349; 2,446,350). In general terms an ionic liquid is a salt, a ~~mixtures~~ mixture of salts, or a mixture of components which produce a salt or salts, which melts below or just above room temperature. (As used herein, the term "salt" means an entity comprising entirely of cationic and anionic species). Such liquids are known as "ionic liquids" although this term is sometimes used for salts which melt at relatively high temperatures. In this specification, the term "ionic liquid" refers to a salt which melts at a temperature of up to 100°C.

Page 5, line 1, delete the subheading "CLAIMS" and insert  
-- IT IS CLAIMED: --.